



Strategic Land Power / Lopsided Wars of Peace

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A few Assumptions...



Carl, Ike and Mao were right.....



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War is not merely and act of policy but a true political instrument, a continuation of political intercourse carried on with other means.

- Carl von Clausewitz

Military action is a method to attain a political goal.

- Mao Tse Tung

Sometimes I think I live ten years each week, of which at least nine are absorbed in political and economic matters"

- Dwight D. Eisenhower



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- **Like it or not, we are in politics**
- **The Interagency community's ability to project coordinated power during contingency operations remains essential but very limited (NSPD 44)**
- **The Army can, has and will change political structures when required**
- **We need to be ready for it (DODI 3000.05)**



Lopsided Wars Of Peace

The interagency community lacks a credible capability to do three key things in a major contingency operation:

- Project capability in an expeditionary manner**
- Surge capability**
- Plan and execute from the tactical through strategic levels**

Fixing it would require a legislative mandate akin to Goldwater-Nichols and resourcing.



Strategic Land Power

The Triad (National Level):

- The Ability to Control Territory (and the resources in it)**
- The Ability to Secure Populations (Physically and Psychologically)**
- The Ability to Eliminate, Establish and/or Defend Political Structures**



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Key Elements:

- **Lethality**
- **Engagement Ability**
- **Civil Power Projection**
- **Legitimacy and Political Support**
- **Military Governance Capacity**
- **Strategic Leadership**



Thoughts?